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To Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Del Norte
Colorado.

South Arkansas - Lake Co, Col,
Mouth of Poncha Pass
April 1'75.

Dear Bro,

Got here last night. Have averaged 40 miles a day. Will take easy hereafter, will, D.V. reach Saguache tomorrow noon, May preach there on (Friday) Evening: Expect to reach Del Norte Saturday afternoon, Got lost twice, Snow has been bad. I hear that Aughorn didnt stay at Del Norte.

I go to Walker's on Kerber Creek today. Pony's back swelled some.

Yours fraternally
A. M. Darley

Salt Lake -
April 3. 75

Dear Bro Jackson -

Your letter from Trinidad came to hand a day or two ago - Tell me about Darley and his outlook in your next - The Rocky Mt Pres - came yesterday - You put too much point in that appeal of McMillens - I am afraid that if the Mormons get hold of it - they will make it hot for us again. I am convinced that we must be more Judicious, if we wish to do any great good among this people - I believe we can reach the public as well outside, by a little more guarded Expression, and do more good here - There are some things in McM. letter to you, wh. you published, that will alienate the whole population, Gentile and Apostate from him, if they get hold of it - I have written him, to be more careful as to what he puts on paper - You will please return the Appeal I sent you for the School - I wish to recast it somewhat: I will write an appeal for the Mt Pleasant Ch - Prof. Coyner & family have arrived - I tell you we have a prize in them - I predict that he will sweep everything before him - Kind regards to Mrs Jackson and the friends - Glad to know that Blackburn goes to Assembly - We are all well - I am feeling tip top - What about Yellowstone Park?

Yr Bro Josiah Welch

Del Norte Colo. April 5/75

Dear Bro. Jackson

I reached here about 5½ P.M Sat. April 3rd. I was greatly disappointed in not seeing you. I had written you from the Springs and from South Arkansas telling you of my progreſs, thinking you would be in ahead of me. Several others were disappointed also. A son of Rev. N.L. Rice D.D. who keeps a cigar store here called to see you. I met with a very cordial greeting. Never was so kindly anticipated by strangers in my life. Col. John Cleghorn had handed over my notice of arrival to Major French - one of the incorporators of the town - and he - a deputy sheriff - and a saloon keeper

"these three" and a negro secured
and furnished me a room to
preach in. The M.E. Minister
gave up his morning service
to me - the town choir prepared
hymns - which to the accompani-
ment of a Melodian, they sang
with the congregation very credi-
tably. I had about 75 out. Nearly
all the stores were open &c.
I preached in the Evening in a
log cabin - labelled M.E. Church.
had a comfortably full house.
The M.E. Minister is a young
batchelor. Not very well.

I got to Saguache by Friday
noon, worked it up in the after-
noon. Found one longitudinal
Presbyterian of youthful years - with whom
by dismemberment we might organize
a church! I found others favorable.
The Paper in Christian hands -

heard of some Presbyterians about. I think prospects good for organization both at Saguache and Del Norte - best at latter. Have found some names additional here, expecting some to arrive soon I shall visit Del Norte - Loma &c this week and be able to report soon You do not conceive the distance from here to Lake City and Silverton even. Lake City by the Cochetopa Pass is 130 miles at least from here and over 90 from Saguache. Over the mountains it is two days journey. I do not conceive it possible to reach the mines before June or July - and so far as I now know not wise. I shall devote my energies till then to Del Norte and Saguache - and the San Luis Valley. There are a good many creeks to explore. I think I can have three two places in hand for organization by the first of May. I am agreeably surprised at the size &c of Del Norte. I am stopping at the "Centennial" - paying $10. a week - for board and lodging. I design securing a room - or a cabin or something soon in order to lighten expenses.

I am grateful for the R. M. Pres. rec'd this morning. It refreshed me. I am lame - sore - and tired. Feeling more and more the immensity of my parish - and glad that I came. Thanks for your early publication of the call for my horse; but I realize that in order to *full accomplishment* of my labors, especially in "the Valley" - I must have another horse and a *buggy* or light wagon. Mrs. D. must go with me much. She is too valuable to be without - and my campaigns will be too wearing on horseback - and in fact *impossible*

into the mining Country where I shall
have to carry my own supplies, which can't be doing rather
more than saddlebags and small
pack. But how to attain it, I know
not, especially with ~~that~~ pile of
freight in Denver - and getting
Mrs. Darley from Pennsylvania to
here. I could give $100. towards
it myself possibly; but how to obtain
the rest? My outfit already ~~obtained~~
cost $100.

I have secured $31.65 rebate
of freight charges from K.P. R.R.!
Nothing like trying you know,
and faith in God's "riches of goodness"
Regards to Kind Bro Hawley - the
lad, and your good "Lady Elect".

Yours fraternally
Alex. M. Darley

P.S. My trunk has not arrived!

Nurse 2 nights $4.
Hotel Bill 6 $ or 7 $
Kiowa
Toba 1. $
Cash 10 $
Board 20 $
At Mackie's —

Trinidad, Colorado. April 6. 1875

Dear Brother Jackson.

I was quite sick for three days after you left me, but was able to preach at Cucharas Thursday night, and on Friday went up the valley, but found the roads so heavy that we only got as far as Hamiltons. Learned there that Mrs Francisco was not at home. Preached to a small but appreciative congregation that night at Mr Hamiltons. Mrs H. expressed herself as pleased with our visit. She talked as though she would connect herself with

the Cumberland church
in the neighborhood as
the distance was so far
to Cucharas that she could
not attend church there.
And she thought she would
take more interest in the
church and S. School by having
her membership there.
Dr McKaskel & wife (Methodists)
will probably unite with the
church the next time I go
back to Cucharas. They were
out, both morning and evening on Sabbath, and were
much interested in the
services.

At first Mr Miller declined being ordained but
finally consented, and
he and Mr Wilkin were
duly installed on the
Sabbath. I preached Saturday

night, Sabbath & Sabbath night.

Mr Miller brought me home yesterday.

Mr Brown is inclined to do the fair thing about the horse. Said if it was to come out of my pocket I should not pay any thing; and at all events he was willing to bear the half of the loss of the original cost of the horse, $100. He took fifty dollars, and said he was satisfied, and said he would think the matter over and might pay the money back. Said, further, that whenever I wanted to use his other horse and his buggy I could have it without cost. He don't like the idea of my leaving Trinidad.

told me he had a talk with Mr. Swallow about it, and that Mr. S. was willing to double his subscription if that would keep me here. I hope to be able to give such counsel to my warmest friends that will prepare the way for a hearty reception of my successor, and hope the work of building on the foundations already laid will progress steadily and well.

I left an appointment for the 1st Sabbath of May at Cucharas.

Want to go to Stone-wall the latter part of this month. Think it might be worth while to spend a Sabbath there.

Kind regards to Mrs Jackson and the children.

Your brother in Christ. J. L. Merritt.

Longmont, Colorado
April 7th 1875

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Am heartily glad to be able to report some most glorious news in the bound of my field. Both Longmont & Caribou have voted to banish King Alcohol. "Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth; good will to men."

Both at Longmont & Caribou. I verily believe this good result is in answer to prayer. Indeed, I can say truthfully, I know. At both places there has been much united, earnest prayer for the banishment of whiskey, & now it is banished. The Saviour can do what man cannot. Indeed, man's extremity is his opportunity. And universally when he pours upon his people the spirit of prayer, & they pray unitedly, he uses the opportunity.

He has made the promise, & he is equal to the fulfillment. And what a precious promise! "If two of you shall agree on earth, as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven". Drunkenness, in all its consequences, is a pest in any village, & why should we not pray for its banishment? ~~At Longmont & Caribou we prayed most~~ earnestly & unitedly for this, & now it is banished. And our earnest & united prayer will now be that it ever remain in banishment.

Indeed, my faith is strong in the belief, that if the whole church would pray most earnestly & unitedly in this direction, as God's little band of praying ones in Longmont & Caribou have done, drunkenness in all its abominations would be banished from the land. And if the crime be so monstrous, as we all know it is, why not appoint a day of humiliation, fasting, & prayer, calling upon all the evangelical christians in the land

~~to unite in it? It may be that this alarming sin will be banished only by fasting & prayer. I could wish that we could secure a national fast-day in view of this great crime, as we had during the darkest day of the war.~~

At Longmont, about a dozen of our most earnest, praying ladies went to the polls—not to vote of course because against the law—but to see how the men voted, which they claim as an undoubted right. My understanding is that many men were ashamed to be seen by the ladies voting for whiskey. God abundantly bless the ladies, & cause them to be a still greater power of restraint.

When we knew the result, we went to the church, & united in giving thanks to Almighty God. During this meeting, a young man arose & said, "We owe much to the ladies. I know three ladies, who could not go to the polls, but they have been weeping & crying all day." It was his mother, sister & wife. This young man used to be almost constantly drunk. Said he, "I owe my soberness to day to the prayers & tears of my lady friends. More tears have been shed for me by them than I am worth. But for these prayers & tears, I should have been in a drunkard's grave". And oh what floods of tears are wrung from sad hearts on account of drunkenness!

How delightful was our Spring meeting of Presbytery! It was like the song of birds. Each brother present seemed to be an earnest, joyful worker in the vineyard of the Master. Some reported seasons of refreshing, & all rejoiced; & others hopefully looked for refreshing seasons, & all united in praying to this end.

Was glad to hear Bro. Bliss say that he & his church came to us of their own good, free will. And how much more a power, if the whole Congregational element in this Territory would follow the christian example! There would then be no longer this waste of christian power in an effort to sustain two weak church in places in which one could be strong & do the work far better. Fraternally &c

H. P. Feltsworth

Mrs McElhinney
Mt Ayr
Iowa
Raven Hand.

Bedford. Io. 4/7 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.,
Denver. Col.

Dear Bro.;

Yours of 3d reached me this morning. I returned from the meeting of Pby. at Missouri Valley, yesterday. Had a very pleasant meeting. Well, I think if you can assist Sister McElhinney for the purpose named in her letter, you will do a good work. The house is fully as bad as she represents — indeed a little worse, for if it does not have some paint put on the outside, it will soon be impossible to paint it. I think you will do well

to help her -
I have a letter from the Elder
of that Ch in which he says
that Mrs McEl- is endeavor-
ing to economize -
Pby. recommended her
to the Bd of Relief for $400 -
for the coming year -
I shall be in Mt Ayr in
about two weeks, & may write
you again: but can say
now that means entrusted
for the purpose Mrs McE-
names to you, will be all
right -

Truly &c
A. F. Randolph

Trinidad, Colorado, April 7, 1875

Dear Bro. Jackson.

Your kind favor of April 3rd came to hand this morning. Checks all right. The $24. check I will return in this letter. The extra dollar will about repair damages to the buggy.

I am glad to learn that Bro. Chamberlain is expected so soon. It will give me the last Sabbath of this month, at least, to go to Stone-wall without leaving this church vacant.

We are having a heavy snow storm this morning.

With thanks for your kindness in making the loan toward the loss on the horse, I am

Your brother in Christ. J. L. Merritt.

Longmont Col

Dear Bro. Jackson;

You see I have sent you a few items for the May No. of the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. Mostly about temperance. Well, this is the Lord's work. Drunkenness, is the devil's. And as we have now banished whiskey from Longmont & Caribou. We hope we have destroyed so much of the devil's work.

Have just received a letter from Bro. Pattison. He does not seem to be making the Gospel a power at Collins. Had expected that he would invite me to assist him at a communion season. & preparitory services. But he wrote me not to come. He said he had tried a meeting, but failed to get the people out.

How would it be to have two men to go to Blackhawk & hold some extra services, & at the same time do some visiting from house to house. arousing the people to religious thought. Perhaps it might not be wise.

I wrote Bro. Hawley about the matter of such work. asking him if he would be willing to join me in such a mission. His answer was that he had not the time. Just my case precisely.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson.

Fraternally &c

W. P. Teitsworth

I spent last Saturday night with Mrs. Rawlins of Rawlinsville. She spoke about the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian. I think you can put her down on your list of subscribers. Wish you could send her the March No.

Sidney Fremont Co. Iowa
April 11, 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson,

Have just returned from meeting of Presbytery held at Mo. Valley where Mr Dailey labored for a few months. Brother Cleland and Judge Sears both wished me to say to you, Please be very careful and not put too much Consifdence in Mr Dailey till you have *thoroughly* tried him, he preached in *this* place, and the people got very sick of him; he left the church in Missouri Valley in a *dreadful* State.

Dear Brother, I think God

has been very gracious and given you great wisdom in selecting working conscien-cious men; at the meeting the brethren spoke of this, and all felt that the Savior had given you remarkable discretion. I throw out this suggestion in regard to Mr Dorbey that you may be on your guard. That God may continue to give you that wisdom that cometh from above is my sincere prayer.

Enclosed please find an answer from the Church at Evanston, which you can forward to them if you think proper.

The brethren felt very

sorry to have me leave after so short a stay but when I told them *all*, they had nothing to say.

The church here all willing to have me go without any unkind feelings which is a great joy to me, I love this people much but do not think it is the field for me.

Minnie and the children all very happy in regard to Mrs White going with me, indeed Minnie was the first to suggest the thought to me, I have asked the Secretaries in N.Y. whether they can assist me in getting to Evanston. Minnie and the children

all send much
love to yourself Mrs Jakson
and the children.
in great haste,
yours in Xt
F. L. Arnold.

P. S. will you write to some
one in Evanston in regard
to a house & terms etc
F. L. Arnold.

Trinidad Col Apreil 12, 75
Reverend Mr Jackson
Dear Sir

Mr Merret in forms us that he had recievd aletter from you Stating that Mr Chamberlan wasex pected tobe in Denver onthe 15 inst if he Should Stop thare afew days which it is like lythat he will asthe 15 comson thurs day and he would not behere before Sabbath if he Stopt atall would you be So kind as to let me know what day we may ex pect him in Trinidad we would like to have an answer by Sabbath if possable we desire getting our little congregation to gather Soon after he comes here and have aplesant time but you nead not tell him ine thing about it if you have not time to give me answer by mule by Sabath morning just teograph Yester day was astorme day here in the evning we had abakes dozen at Church And did not take up that Collection but we distributed the Rocky Mountain in the Sabath School it was Small on acount of the wind and Snow thare was 27 of us about the Same in Congregation

Yours in Christ
W. S. Phillips

Evans Col
April 12th, 1875

Dr Bro Jackson

I do not look for Mr Martin now before the 1st of June. He expects to be out here & spend the Summer. Also Jno McCutcheon. I do not think there is any necessity of holding a meeting untill they come When ~~it~~ you wish to go to Fort Collins. If I can get time at all I will try and go with you if you let me know the week before. I will at all events furnish you a horse allthough my own are not in the best condition at present I received the package of clothing We are very thankful - have made use of them. I wrote

immediately after their reception
And thought surely I acknowledged
their receipt. I may possibly
have overlooked the matter
but that was the primary in-
tention of the letter.
We are all well – nothing special
Will be glad to hear from you
and please let me know
some days or the week before
you make your trip to
Fort Collins.
Mrs S joins in regards to
Mrs F. and yourself

Jno F. Stewart.

Rev Jos. L. Merritt
Trinidad

Highlands Monmouth Co.
New Jersey April 12/75.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

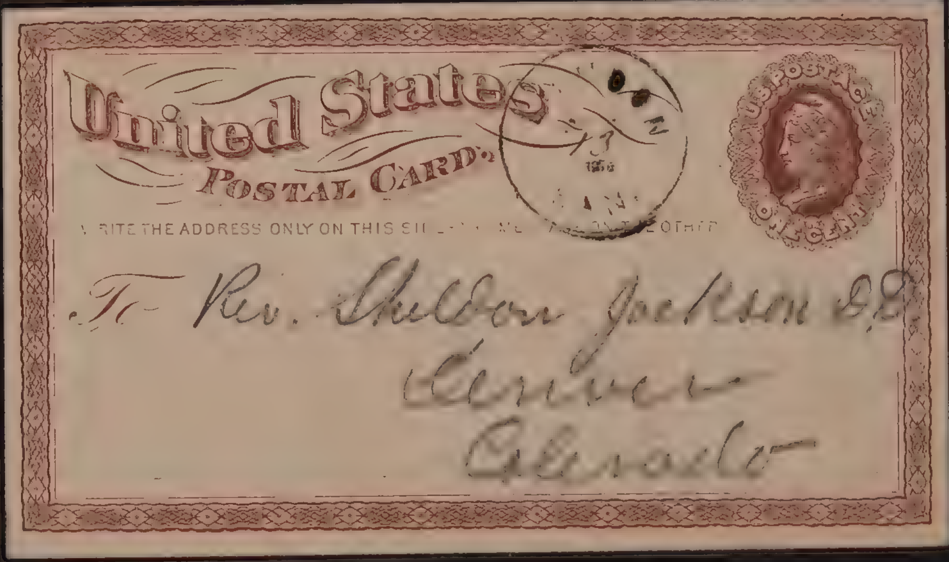
Dr. Bro:

In your paper for April /75., I have read the article on "Tithe Gathering." The enclosed check 1. is a small, but most cheerful, contribution for the assistance of [illegible]

the brother you may think
most in need of it.

Deeply sympathising with
the condition of our Home
Board, and those dependent
upon it, I am

Yours truly
Robt. R. Knight



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To Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Denver
Colorado

London - Co.
Apr 12, 85

Dear Bro—

Am here and getting along as fast as I can with packing &c. Cannot now tell just when will be at Denver, but will write, must be here about 2 weeks I judge. Will arrange for Pueblo if possible.

Glad to receive your letter, I am very anxious to get on foot, but cannot avoid the delay, Will expect to reach Denver first of week after next,

Your bro—
H. H. Hunter.

Mt Pleasant. Utah

Kingsboro N.Y. Fulton Co.
Apr. 12. 1875

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir - At our last monthly Concert Apr. 4 - I alluded to what you said in the Apr. No of your paper about the purchase of the Hall at Mt. Pleasant San Pete Co. Utah for Rev. Duncan McMillan as a church - the following with the sum of thirty-two dollars was handed me to be applied to the purchase of said building.

If the building is bought let it be so applied - if not let it be applied to the building of some church that in your judgment most needs it.

Please let me know what

use is made of it that I may be able to report to the Ladies of the Church by whom a large share of it is Contributed,

At whose expense your paper has been sent me I do not know - It has not been at mine. Enclosed find one Dollar for the same.

Yours truly
George Harkness.

P.S. Enclosed find N. York check for $ 32. to be applied as above stated. G.H. -

Longmont, Colorado
April 12th 1875

My Dear Bro. Jackson:

Will there be any chance for our receiving $1.000 from the Ch. Erec. Board for our ch. at Longmont? Do all you can for us. You know how important that we have a church building here. We need it much just now. What is done at once will be vastly in our favor. The Congregationalists are doing all in their power to influence people in their favor — doing things that are christian & things that are not.

Please send us a blank so that we can make the application. It ought to be done at once.

Fraternally &c

H. P. Teitsworth

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By the way, what is the prospect for the buggy? We are now even so much in need of it. You know how it is. There are so many people wanting to see Mrs. Teitsworth.

And then another reason is is, I ought to have a buggy at once to go to Caribou. It will soon be warm here but cold there. Ought never to go there without extra clothing. Am liable at any time to be caught in a storm.

In every way a buggy would help me in my hard work. It would be just so much good cheer.

Called on two new families to day – real good families. Both can be led right into our church. Both invited me to bring Mrs. Teitsworth. Have seen Woods. Our prayer meeting this week is to be at his house. He will come in with us. Others are also coming. Bless the Lord. It is all his work.

Rev Jas L. Merritt
Trinidad

West Chester
April 13./75

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Your letter came to hand yesterday and was forwarded at once to Mrs Lewis N.Y. Let us pray Earnestly that Gods blessing may go with it, and that it may be the means of doing much good.

Enclosed you will find a draft for forty dollars. being all I can do at present for the "distress" of which you speak. How I wish I was rich. but our Father knows best.

Thank you for the "Mystic Gate" and many other kindnesses in the past. Many of your letters have brought me much good. Dont, I beg, forget me in your prayers. I am feeling very feeble and the circulation is very weak. Sometimes I have very severe pain, but with the pain comes peace. I think my life has been prolonged in answer to prayer & And what is far better the fear of death itself has been taken away. I hope this peace and confidence will last until the End The veil seems truly very thin and fine between this land and the home beyond

"So fine - the infant's closing sigh
Will sway the folds to let it by."

Hoping soon to hear that this letter has been received I am very sincerely your sister & friend —

P A Lewis

P.S. As soon as I can I will send more. Nothing but the letter need be acknowledged.

P A L.

232 MADISON AVENUE,
New York, April 13th 1875

Rev Jas L. Merritt
Trinidad 20 $
Rev Wm M. Campbell
Idaho Springs $30

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

I am glad to hear that Mrs Mc Ilhenny is so well provided for, and I inclose you my check for $50 which I had in reserve for her, and will thank you to divide it between the two cases you mention in such proportion as you may think proper. I am glad that your health & strength hold out for your arduous labors. May God speed you in all your work. I congratulate you upon the accession of Dr Lord in your Presbytery.

With kind regards
Yours truly
H. K. Corning

Salt Lake -
April 16th 1875.

Dear Bro

Enclosed find one dollar, Subscription for R.M.P. from L. Dobbs, Salt Lake. I neglected to send it the other day.

We have had no mail for a couple of days, and I begin to think now that my Communication for ~~yr~~ paper will not make it on time again I am sorry if it dont, but I will not make any Calculation on delays.

We corraled and burned the last issue of the Rocky Mt. P. with McM, letter, so that I have no fear now that it will get into the Mormon papers. You will excuse the liberty

I have taken, but I feel that they would have a good deal of Capital out of it, to the detriment of McM. Cook -

We are all well, and have cheering weather -

Yours truly -

Josiah Welch

John E. Anderson. Boulder

Revd. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

you will please acknowledge a Post Office check sent by Lilly on April 15th I received yours enclosing one from Mrs. McElhinny which afforded me much satisfaction altho' grieved to hear of her hardships.

You will please to appropriate this last fifty dollars for the relief of that poor man-who is in debt, that he may enforce the Gospel with a clear Conscience; and to relieve some other embarrassments which I fear are pressing upon him, And prevented his paying what he owed.

I am sorry for the Man that has lost his horse but cannot render any assistance you will have to be satisfied with his attending on Station

I remain Very Sincerely
Yours. Mary Ann Parish
April 16th 1875.

Del Norte- Col. April 20/75

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Got back yesterday - after riding in the last eight days 140 miles. which makes 450 in the last 30 days. I have secured you 3 subscribers for the R. Mt. Pres.:—

R. W. Morrison - Saguache.
Mrs. Phebe A. Myers - "
Gabriel Shideler - " .

Begin with "April No."
I enclose the $1.50 for them.

I have found 8 Presbyterians. I visited from within 9 miles of the Cochetope Pass & 10 miles below Saguache and around about. I did not go down on the San Luis - Rito Alto, and San Isabel, as I found it would take a week to do it *well*, and that's our motto. I hear of Pres. and a Cong. down there.

They say I had the largest audience ever assembled in Saguache last Sab. evening. I made an appeal for about $10. to buy lamps for the Court house instead of those greasy candles, and got it. They expect to have them up on my return.

I am more and more impressed with the necessity of my having a buggy or light wagon, as I cannot do half as much service without it. I did miss my tracts and papers for distribution! they were a felt need and want. I cannot carry any quantity in my saddle bags. And when I enter the Mines the necessity will be all the greater

the wife reached Washington Penn
on the 10th of April. All well
and happy. I hope I may get
her out soon. Many ask for her,
and I need her help. Please
forward what papers may have
arrived at "Gen'l delivery" - P.O. Denver.

Our Pres. Strickler - came 10 miles
to Saguache to church - & introduced
himself to me as a Presbyterian.
His character I hear is above
reproach. Would make a good
elder.

Board has "riz" to $12. a week
at the "Centennial" here! My bedding
box &c are on the way.
I design buying a bed and table
today.

Yours fraternally
and gratefully
Alex. M. Darley

Trinidad, Colorado, April 21. 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson.

I purchased a horse to-day, and as I paid cash, I will need some money before I can move. I paid $75.– for the horse, and $5.– for a bridle and halter. Have not purchased a saddle yet.

I expect to go to Stonewall to-morrow to be gone over Sabbath. Expect to ship my goods next week, then go to Cucharas and spend the Sabbath, and then go from there to Las Animas.

We have not heard from Mr Chamberlain.

will look for him to-morrow morning, or at least some word with reference to him.

I held my closing services last Sabbath. The Methodists, out of respect for me, omitted their services in the evening and attended ours, so I had a full house.

In haste.

Your brother in Christ,
J. L. Merritt.

P.S. Inclosed is $1,75 for the Spanish History.

Longmont, Colorado
April 21st 1875

Dear Bro. Jackson;

Yours of the 17th inst just received. God bless you abundantly, & make his work through you prosperous.

Have just forwarded through your request a letter to Bro. Norton & his school. According also to your direction.

Am rejoiced now to report that things at Nederland are looking a little more hopeful. Have had hard & discouraging work there. The last two Sabbaths the Lord seemed to smile upon us mercifully. My desire & most earnest prayer to God is that He cause the dark clouds that hang over that town at once to disappear. Please unite with me in crying unto God mightily to this end. He alone can dissipate all the mists of infidelity, & the wickedness resulting therefrom, causing the light to shine in the dark places.

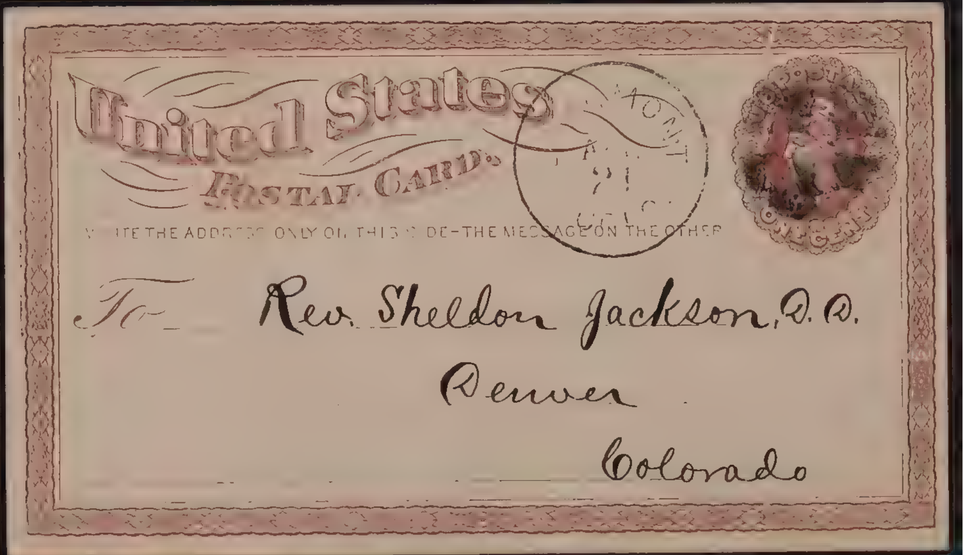
We have good audiences, & the very best of attention to the preaching of the good word of God at Caribou. Our collections there average seven dollars per Sabbath. This would reach during the year nearly half of all that they have pledged.

In my last trip up & down the Boulder Cannon, I composed a Home Mission Hymn, & have sent it on to Dr. Hatfield. It is an humble song for Jesus, & sings the same old, "old story of Jesus & his love". Perhaps you would like to have it for the June No of the Presbyterian.

Am feeling more than ever the need of a buggy in my trips to Caribou. It will be much easier both for rider & horse. Hard work indeed is it to ride forty miles on horseback of a hot day. But the Lord knows best, & we must submit to his arrangements.

Fraternally &c

W. P. Teitsworth



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To Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
Denver
Colorado

Dear Bro.;

Yours containing the Cleaveland just received. Have answered, inviting him to Nederland & Caribou. Both places are in great need. He will therefore have an open field there. He will be hailed with joy both in the church & in the community.

This Card is the 5th letter to day. Am tired. Two are to you. Fraternally &c.

N. P. T.

Longmont, Colorado
Apr. 21st/75

D. T. McMillan

[illegible]

Mt Pleasant Tex
[illegible]

Genl. O. O. Howard.

The papers you sent were received, [illegible] though they [illegible] upon the [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] from you. I have been working hard to secure a school, for which these [illegible] are [illegible]. I have [illegible] of their time in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] one of the oldest [illegible]. I have decided to [illegible] myself in a few days and teach until I can find some one to relieve me. It will not interfere with my preaching and will bring me nearer to the people.

I received the enclosed letter ~~the~~ the other day and have replied discouraging the young man from expecting aid from H.M. but offering him liberal terms as a teacher and assuring him abundant opportunity to exercise his preaching powers. I send it to you that you may write him if you choose.

Yours very fraternally [illegible]

[illegible] P.S. [illegible] money [illegible] meet [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

D. J. McMillan
[illegible]

Mt. Pleasant Utah.
May 13th '[illegible]

Dear Dr. Jackson;

Your letter containing check from Ladies of Pres. ch. of Kingsboro N.Y. is before me. The disaster on U.P.R.R. at Green River has deranged the mails for more than two weeks hence the delay. I [illegible] my appeal which was mailed on the 12th ult according to your request was either lost or delayed beyond the time for your publication. If so would it not be well to appeal through the other papers - the Evangelist, the H & P. and the Interior. I have only till July 1st for the first payment of $[illegible] and there is a mortgage upon the property to secure payment. I would not [illegible] in cash for it now - though I could easily get it. The school has opened with most encouraging prospects. Fifty-four are now registered and six more that have applied are to enter on Monday. The Mayor of the city is one of the scholars. He told a friend of his the other day that we have the best school in Utah. - which - by the way was not saying very much for our school, - but then it is a powerful lever for me to work with.

The reason of my taking charge of the school I believe I did not give you. It was this. - Mr Walker of Ogden proposed through Welch to take charge of the school if I would guarantee certain conditions. The conditions were guaranteed but unfortunately for me Mr W. saw a tempting opening of some kind at Cheyenne and declined coming here. Many of the people here had kept their children from the schools [illegible] disappointment would have been fatal to my mission — or at least would have crippled me greatly. I determined to die before such a disaster should befal this infant enterprise. I announced school to commence the following Monday. At the 11th hour the trustees of the town schools who had very kindly(?) promised me the temporary use of the desks in an unoccupied house — decided that the dear people might not like it — and so refused to let them go. Determined not to be outdone I bought lumber and went in search of a carpenter to make temporary desks. Not one could be found. All were employed all at once. Driven to desperation I improvised a work bench borrowed a jack plane and hatchet and saw — planed 200 ft of lumber, and made desks enough to accommodate 30 scholars, and was ready to open school on the following Monday. Upon the Sabbath the hous

[illegible] copied by it. – though I
have not complained. Your April
appeal might have done great harm
here, but I carefully concealed the papers
you sent me and sent them [illegible],
where the article was copied [illegible]
by the local papers. The people here
know nothing of that letter and appeal.

My congregation is growing. I go
to [illegible] tomorrow A.M. and return for
my P.M. appointment here. If I can only
hold out I shall draw the people to me
through the School. I shall not run after
them. I hope and pray for a teacher to relieve
me. Last week I received letters of inquiry
from three ladies. Two of them are living
in Nebraska sisters in the Millinery business
and condition their coming upon "good pay" –
"agreeable society" and "religious privileges".
The other is a maiden lady in Ill., who
might come under favorable circumstances
but could not under any circumstances
before [illegible] [illegible]. I hope for the [illegible]

[illegible]

I was serenaded to-night; about thirty (crowd of boys and young men assembled in front of my door with whistles, tell and laughter and [illegible] there [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Evanston

Sidney, Fremont Co. Iowa.
April 24th 1875.

Dear Brother Jackson.

Your letter is received, and I hasten to answer.

In regard to Mr Dooley I do not think there is anything against his moral character. but the people at Mo. Valley said he had no sound judgement. run everything into the ground: no one respected him. congregations all run down, would not listen to anyone else. I have never met him and only wrote you at the suggestion of bro Cleland and Judge Sears. The Judge is a noble man, I love him dearly. My going away makes him almost sick, but the worst is over now. The Judge said there would be no hard feelings, only regret.

You know I shall have to send the goods some two or three weeks be*fore* we go, so that we may have them for use.

I am so glad to go *before* the *heat* of Summer. And I long to be hard at work in Evanston. I have asked the Secretaries, if they can assist me in moving but I have received no answer.

We expect Mr Emerys in a few days, then we shall probably know when the dear Minnie will be married. The children are all very *happy* in the

thoughts of going to the
mountains. I hope the
"Commission" will not be
delayed, I suppose w Mr
Ferguson will take my
place here. Minnie and
the children all send
much love to yourself
and family.

~~In~~ haste
Yours in Xt
F. L. Arnold

Trinidad, Colorado April 26. 1875

Dear Bro. Jackson.

Yours of April 19th is received, containing check and cash all right. I have just returned from "Stone-wall" and am well pleased with my new pony. Did not preach while up there. A severe snow storm prevented the people from coming together. Altogether over a foot of snow fell while I was up there.

If you have not any money collected towards my new horse, you need not put yourself to any inconvenience to send me any at present, as I received a remittance to-day unexpectedly, which will enable me to settle up all my accounts and move.

I shall go to Cucharas this week, spend the Sabbath there, and then go to Las Animas from there.

Inclosed are receipts and acknowledgements for monies received to cover loss of horse and moving expenses.

I will try and find time in the midst of my packing to move. to write Mrs Lewis a letter. In haste

Your brother in Christ.
J. L. Merritt.

Trinidad Colorado. April 26. 1875.

Received of Rev Sheldon Jackson, D.D., to cover the loss on a horse, the sum of fifty dollars.

J. L. Merritt.

Trinidad Colorado, April 26. 1875.

Received of Rev Sheldon Jackson, D.D., the sum of ten dollars towards moving expenses from Trinidad to West Las Animas.

J. L. Merritt.

Mt Ayr.
Mrs McElhinney

Bedford Iowa
April 27th 1875.

Dear Bro Jackson;

I was at Mt Ayr, last week. As previously I had promised to write you after my visit there - will do so now. I think Mrs Mc-Elhinney needs money to finish a part of her house. She told me she had rec'd $150 from you. If you could assist her to about that much more, it would enable her to make a part of the house comfortable, not all of it. You would do well to make the matter emphatic - that it is for that purpose. Sister Mc. doe

Austin Texas.
Apl 27' 75

Dear Bro Jackson,

I am glad to see that you are to be at the Genl Ass'y. I am also elected a delegate and think now that I shall go. If so I intend to make an effort for our Ch. Would very much like the recommendation you promised.

Of course you could make this out in Cleveland but I should value it more if it was written at Denver as it would then seem more unsolicited on my part. You know the importance of this point. Our wants &c

decline you will rejoice to
give me a loud appeal -
-If you think best keep
it till you get to Cleveland
& hand it to me there
-The Sd. Pr. Ch, is about
Completed & they have an
able Minister Rev Dr
Chasty, formerly of Va, more
recently of Shelbyville Ky
-This fact makes it the
more important (to our own
interests, I mean) that
our Building be finished furnished as ~~soon~~ speedily as possible
-Austin is growing & we
we expect the "International
R.R." here by Fall -
The news for Texas do not
Come along very lively,
Increasing in Texas Tendencies
With a few - Denison.

& Dallas are still unfilled-
-We feel rather weak with
our 5 new Churches on
our rolls -

I do hope you will
put forth every effort to in-
-duce all you know at
Genl Ass. & can influence
(their number is great)
to vote against the report
of our Com. at Baltimore
conference & to accept
the proposition of the So. Com.
- We must come to about
that thing some time
Why not at once?
There is nothing humiliating
or dishonorable in our
accepting that proposition
- I fear we cannot stand
the pressure much longer
in our present situation -

we ought to have relief
at once - I shall lobby
for this measure, if I go
to Cleveland —

Remember me to
Mrs T. - Dr Taylor's
people are well & mine)
wish to be remembered
by thee, there Dear
Sister - Come see us
again -

Yours truly
Ellen B. Wright

Fort Collins Colorado
April 28th 1875

Dear Bro Jackson

I am sorry you have concluded to come next Sabbath to Collins. I think it is the most, inauspicious day you could have pitched on, if you expect to have a congregation to hear you preach.

It is the Communion Sabbath in the M. E Church. ~~and~~ the new Episcopal minister is to preach his first sermon as pastor of the Episcopal ~~of~~ Church of Ft. Collins, and these two will probably take all the church going people between them for that day. And Mrs Patterson has not been able to be out of bed, ~~so~~ to have it made from last Sabbath untill today. I think she will be able to be round again on Sabbath next.

When you take these things into consideration and the fact that at present we have really only one church member residing in Collins, you can see that the chances are good for a very small congregation in the morning— But come on if you think it advisable, I will try and hunt them up from the highways and hedges to hear the gospel.

I think I made a mistake at presbytery in not concluding at once to go to Las Animas I am more convinced than ever that I had better make a change. It would be better both for the church and myself, and I think Mrs P's health demands such a ~~of~~ step.

I have not yet recieved my commission for Ft Collins—

I shall spread the word as much as possible that you will preach next Sabbath in Collins.

Kind regards to Mrs J & family

Very truly yours

Joseph Patterson

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Superintendent
216 COLFAX AVENUE.

Denver, Col. Apr 25th 1875

Rev. Jackson

I requested Bro. Bliss to call upon you, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] an appointment — [illegible] to [illegible] — & [illegible] you on this —

I [illegible] the letter [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]

There have been no [illegible] [illegible] Bro. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the people [illegible] [illegible] the Gospel in [illegible]

[illegible] were well to [illegible] **Black Hawk.**
very abundantly — I [illegible]
here on Thursday [illegible] and they
brought in [illegible] on the
battlefield & there [illegible] the Chiefs
& Commanding [illegible] with others
they are [illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in the army
I think but [illegible]
& [illegible] they will fall in
with the Command [illegible]
to be done — Henderson told
me on Monday night — when
he called to see me that he
would not be in the army
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — but
I confess I [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] or [illegible]
-[illegible] ([illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]) [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] — but I [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

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To my notion it is out of the question to allow any man to remain & stand in the way of [illegible] cause and the whole Community for the Gospel — & destroy the Church & if they [illegible] [illegible] should ask the Presbytery to take strong hold of the matter & [illegible] a few [illegible] preachers may [illegible] & let [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] meeting of Presb [illegible] be called for that important purpose —

I think I [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] thanks [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]
there running one path of both.
This I suppose would be a very
good arrangement — I have not
done anything that I contemplated
your property — to have commenced
[illegible] —

I will arrange to get
have as many [illegible] as [illegible] the
present [illegible] — I [illegible] [illegible]
I expect in the [illegible]. [illegible]
to [illegible] of [illegible] after the
way to [illegible] them [illegible] — [illegible]
of [illegible] here. In the [illegible]
to [illegible] at once from here —
I have no [illegible] where it is [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
or [illegible] offices — I have no [illegible]
[illegible] Pacific [illegible] Land [illegible] of
[illegible] Eastern [illegible] The [illegible]
[illegible] will not [illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] the last year [illegible]
I will be [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — Will write you
again soon.

Yours truly [illegible]

Idaho Springs
Colorado
April 24th 1875

Dear Bro Jackson:

Yours of the 19th received. Many thanks for laying that long credit. I did not think when I borrowed ~~that sum that~~ it would be paid so easily. With regard to your advice it is received in the spirit in which it was tendered. But as I came out so far, and as there are so many months of the year fine I am now bound to weather it out for the balance although I should have to support myself by manual labor — that is my conclusion.

Most truly
Yours
Wm. M. Campbell,

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Superintendent

[illegible] ~~Denver~~, Col. Apr 30th [illegible] 187[illegible]

[illegible]

If at all possible [illegible] [illegible] come [illegible] — I will [illegible] at 11 at 3½ ([illegible]) [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] be a [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] + [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] — This is the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] to the Conference & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & especially [illegible] that [illegible] nothing will be done. Bro Wells is sick & will not be able to be there, & besides does not [illegible] himself a member of the [illegible] having been [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] that [illegible] will take [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as a [illegible] [illegible] — In regard to Blackburn & Clarke — I am ~~[illegible]~~ well convinced that both of them are disqualified [illegible] their affiliations & of course neither of them could be put in the Chair — Bro Meade is the only [illegible] [illegible] & not only does he lack the proper qualifications for a [illegible] [illegible] but his deafness of [illegible] would [illegible] his occupying that position —

So that unless you yourself or Bro Bliss or some other brother is here the whole matter will go by the board — I would [illegible] prefer for you to come — As for Blackburn & Clarke they will oppose or at least [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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what — minister is there — And I say let them [illegible] a lot [illegible] [illegible] along with [illegible] [illegible] till we have [illegible] more [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — If this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — I am [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] anybody [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them [illegible] [illegible] would [illegible] [illegible] by the vote [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of these [illegible] be a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] + [illegible] in after a little [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] may think differently — Considering these [illegible] — & if they together could [illegible] suffice [illegible] would suffice [illegible] it — [illegible] The arrangement [illegible] [illegible] Cannot [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible] impracticable

[illegible] I may as well [illegible] this field altogether [illegible] there will be [illegible] have any [illegible] that [illegible] I supposed it [illegible] would open the way for [illegible] other [illegible] nice —

I have [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible] stated the case [illegible] — I think [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible] the [illegible] —

[illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] R. M. [illegible]

P.S. – Of course you understand
that it would not do for me to
preside – or conduct things at
a Congregational meeting – where
I might [illegible] cross the subject – to
be objected of – Hence the need
of some other presiding
Minister – It would not then
be proper for me to be present
at the meeting at all — However,
I need hardly have written this P.S. –
as you understand the thing
full well. There is a

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] preferably [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] probably [illegible]
Council [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible]
will be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
If [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] be [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

R. [illegible]

Georgetown 30 Apr

dear Bro J.

Please send R. Mt. Pres.

to Mrs. S. Churchill – Morrison Illinois
Mrs. M. A. L. Gage – Roxabel Ross Co. Ohio –
Mrs. Benjamin J. Morris – Stapleton (Box 36)
Staten Island N. Y.

Mr. C. C. Churchill – Georgetown Colorado
Mr. A. R. Forbes " "
Mr. Andrew Clark " "
Mr. P. E. Morehouse " "
Mrs. J. F. Pierce " "
Mr. John G. Roberts " "
Mr. G. W. Dwight " "
Miss Mary P. Schenck – Franklin,
Warren Co. Ohio
Mr. J. V. Perrine – Franklin. Warren Co. Ohio

I will send draft in this letter for 6.$ — Six dols, The names of parties *not* living here are paid for by money placed at my disposal & not by myself

Will probably send a half doz. more names *at least*.

Suppose you have met my wife — I am delivering a course of lectures ~~on~~ to young men on Scripture biographies — especially Old Testament. Expect to follow this with a course on eminent women of / bible So far have full houses — I aim to make / lectures practical & I understand / miners talk them over & acknowledge that / arrow comes home — &c

I hope I may do them some good I have aimed to meet their wants — & *specify / failing* of

Mt. Life - and to make every lecture ~~one~~ a gospel invitation to the cross -

By the way if you chose to make a note of this - don't publish as a letter ~~[illegible]~~

I don't know any thing about Trinidad - I do not know that the Ch. would be willing for me to leave - I know all is not pleasant - It would be unfortunate for our Ch. to be left vacant - especially in view of the efforts the Cong. are making. I know some would feel that - Perhaps Mr. B. would - Mrs. Gage can tell you the situation -

I am well - Could you bring me from Salt Lake 25 or 50 lbs of dried fruit - I can get the quality I wish for ½ price - You can leave word with your wife for Mrs Gage

Bro in + J. L. Gage

Salt Lake -
May 3 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson -

Both your letters came to hand last week. I will write for Bro. Arnolds Commission to day. We dont fear the Effect of your appeal for McMillen now the Mormons didnt get hold of it - It is all right - They would have made a handle of it, had they gotten a chance -
Let me hear when anything new develops with reference to our trip - I enclose you a dollar for wh. you will send me the Assemblies Reporter - Now since I think of it - I havent seen a line about the Reporter - Is there to be any?

I'll not send the money until I see - My Evangelist will be here tonight - Our School is a Success - We will have as many Scholars as we can take care of next Session - If you run across a man who has a few thousand to put into a building, let us know - Mrs Cooley's little child, 14 months old, fell into a tub of water on Saturday & was drowned - funeral yesterday -

I go up to assist Gillespie at Communion, Sunday Eve. June 1st.

Our folks are all well.

Egbert has written me about Yellowstone Park - A friend of mine here, Mr. Schoffield wishes to join us. Kind regards to Mrs J & the little Girls -

Your Bro &c -

Josiah Welch

Excuse my haste; I have only been at home a day or two —

Cafmora
May 3. 75

Mr Jackson. Dear Sir I thank you for sending the enclosed for I felt there were so many who were jealous often of the widow and orphan, that you might have been after all deceived and I found my heart going out after the widow. I am satisfied perfectly and glad enough if you sent me the enclosed which of course must not be seen by any one else. We said to our Society who have learned it only on your letters my illiteracy in regard to everything connected with Mission work I knew you had written she did not now need one boy If I had read the enclosure or said more about it I do not think I ever could have gotten another boy As it is it is all right and Mr T. E. Bliss will have an excellent outfit there was something a little singular we had trouble to get boys clothing for the boy and this delayed it so the Lord was at the helm do not trouble about it it is all right and I wonder you do not make more mistakes the good old fashioned doctrine of total depravity I do once in awhile thoroughly believe in. We will be very glad to see you when you come east —

Yours sincerely
J. W. Ten Eyck

Del Norte Colo. May 5 '78 -

Dear Bro: Jackson -

I wrote you last week. Your note to me at Saguache - I only got last Friday on my second visit. Had good housefulls this time in spite of high wind all day and some rain in evening. Had organ accompaniment to choir in evening. Persons surprised at number out in spite of wind. Shideler came his 10 miles to church again. Other Persons 2 or 3 miles at night. Mr. McCulloch - Lawyer - has been east - married a fine musician and good singer (Xian Ch. member) - very likely join us. It costs me $2.25 - a day at Saguache. I hope to cheapen it.

I am grateful for your earnest prayers for prudence on my part. I assure you it is my often petition.

a bad night. [illegible] Esty Enver

I write today chiefly to tell some facts in regard to the "Penitentes". which you may not have learned. I did so through Mr. Metcalfe – and he from an intelligent Mexican source :- That those undergoing this operation once [illegible] each year ~~after~~ for five years. That on the 3rd day or Friday evening at dusk, (as the torture begins on the Wednesday previous and keeps up 3 days) women are specially set apart to flagellate these bruised backs. After dark they enter a room where are forty (40) candles burning they all sing a song of forty (40) verses. blow out a candle as a verse is sung – thus reaching the last verse and last candle at the door – all except the "Penitentes" go out – ~~but~~ the Penitentes stay there in the dark up all night – and "fight the Holy Fight" striking each other as they grope and meet ~~and~~ one another in the dark.

That in each district once in 5 years about

there must be a crucifixion unto
death of at least one person.
That after these 5 years of penance
those going through it for that time
can commit any crime - and
be forgiven.
That the Priests try & induce the
Mexicans to go down into
N. Mexico away from the white
people here. Showing it to be
a papal enterprise.
That the penitentes up here wear
masks."

I hope - if you have not learned
these facts before, they may tip
your tongue with fire & inflame
the zeal of the Church for the enlightenment of the
darkness of the Centennial State:
I hope this may reach you ere
you leave for General Assembly.
If it does not - that it may speedily
be forwarded. Yours &c.
A M Darley

Found out 8 a 10 Pres. across
river. Learned to Minnesota
Dak. line. [illegible]

[illegible] Leon West Las Animas Colo May 7. '75

I am pleased with the change to West Las Animas so far as water and mail facilities are concerned. Was agreeably surprised to find such good water here. Hope and pray that my labors may be more blessed here than at Trinidad.

Bro. Clark of the M. E. ch S. will preach next Sabbath morning, and as the evening is vacant I will preach then. The chaplain at the Fort claims every Sabbath evening as his time. I don't know whether he will give way to let me have the whole day on alternate Sabbaths or not. If not I will probably preach in the evenings at the old town. I visited there and at the Fort yesterday. Think I can start a S.S. at the old town. Will start a union prayer-meeting here next week.

Have not been able to find a room yet. If I cannot do any better will put up a small house on the back end of corner lots which Judge Moor, the agent for the company says he will reserve, by written contract, for the church, for one year. The lots are one block east of the Baptist church and on the north side of the street running east and west on the north side of the church, about half way between the two rail roads. Considering their location, these lots can readily be exchanged for others if the church desires a diferent location when they get ready to build.

My moving expenses are sixteen dollars.

My horse and outfit cost me ninety six dollars. Inclosed find a receipt for the $20 loaned me. and the manner applied. Also a letter to Mrs P. A. Lewis.

With kind regards to you and your family I remain

Yours fraternally

J. L. Merritt.

P.S. If you have not made application for a half fare on the K. P.R.R. for me, Please secure it over as much of the road as possible, as I shall go as far east as Chicago, returning in time for Presbytery.

West Las Animas, May 7. 1875

Del Norte, Colo. May 7 '75—

Dear Bro. Jackson,

I rec'd my commission from the Board yesterday in which they pledge me $1000. and add — "but what is paid by the people among whom you are to labor is *to be deducted* from the above amount and *returned* to the *Board*!!

What's the matter? I know you said they would not give more than $1000, but I had no idea that that would be my *maximum* salary; but that I would be allowed to work up my field to $1500. i.e. $500 additional, and then all above that to be returned to the Board. So I tearfully promised Prissy, to do.

still willing to do. I then thought $1500. a good round sum; but after being on this field & pricing groceries furniture - rents &c — I see it to be but a meagre income after all - that it is barely equal to $1000. in Iowa. Things range from 33 to 100 per cent more here than there. To get a house at all consonant with my position or comfort as a minister I shall have at least $240 a year to pay. I am paying no rent at all now, and it costs me alone $600, a year for *closest running expenses*. Now the Board forces on me this problem - how can I make $160. per annum cover *contingencies* that will inevitably arise, besides the heavy expenses of my *tours* into and through the new portions of my field where my [illegible] will be about $60 a month and my family keeping up the other expense – and also the going to Pres'y. &c which my dis. cannot bear. This all makes no count of sickness – no count of necessary books – or frights that will arise during the year.

Then there is my wife in Penna – my goods in Denver – besides the fact that now meets me plainly that in order to do my work efficiently – *there* ought to be this year an expenditure of $250 additional for travelling gear. I am no ox of a man, so while I work hard and *continuously*, I cannot also endure unnecessary hardships for nought. The result will be an inferior magnifying of my office – and I become as much *localized* in my operations as the brethren along the top & east side of the Mts. – I didn't come out this far for that.

challenged me to a large field and a noble work — such work I want to do; but here comes the Board and says — "fossilize"! Bah! It is that, or do *through the work* — and *suffer*! I deem the ministry enough of suffering without unkindness from a church intelligent enough to know better than let me suffer without cause. There's a vast difference between suffering for Christ's sake, ~~and suff~~ because people are ignorant and wicked, and suffering at the dictum of the Board, maugre all the Presy. says who are on the ground and know whereof they testify.

This is the second time the Board has dealt with me in the same way. I entered on the work at Mo. Valley to find a church who heretofore had never raised more than $250 per annum. I raised that church up to $500. and asked the Board to duplicate the amount, and they cut me short $150. in face of my risk of $250., for six months I suffered. If I had stopped running in debt any week for several months we would have starved. Presy ordered me more and I got it. Such conduct as this does not encourage me to elevate the liberality of a church. I am not one to foster stinginess. I won't preach to a stingy church, except long enough to prove them such, and force them out of it, if possible. Does the Board not want me? Let them try this again, and I'll leave the bar - and look out for number one; a think I am loth to do as long as the Scr. "Go, preach" stands. But my sense of manhood my honor, ~~and~~ the success of my ministry heretofore - and my correct attitude towards benevolence forbids much longer sufferance.

Then, too, view this point - When I left Mo. Valley I had in hand and due me from the Board about $400. My books shows $390 spent in March and April. Full $400 has been spent getting here and getting started. There is yet $60. to pay for freights from Denver - from $150 to $200, to get Mrs. Darley here. So that getting to work cost us over $600. My contribution this year to Home Missions! 6/10 of my income!
I was not awful well, to come, for health &c.
Now our Foreign Missionaries get put down in foreign lands - house furnished &c - and very light work in many cases compared to ours. In our view of the case the Home Missions owes me $600, and yet cuts me down $500! I know this is putting it strong. But I could have stopped in Mo.

Got to Ft Kearney at an expense of $150. all told — and gotten $1600. See again — and what do you think? — The Elders last Wednesday night had the liberal hardihood to say they thought as a bottom thing they could raise $400. for me here!! — I who say that I never saw but one or two men who gave enough to the cause of Christ was surprized. I still doubt it. But they will try it — and it will be no mean try. Now then, if Del Norte reaches that during this year, then my whole field will this year double it anyhow: So if ~~this~~ occurs — the Board on a basis $1500 will give me but $700 — for six counties in which is one circuit of 266 miles over 3 Mt. ranges — with an average ride of about 8000 miles a year —, and I don't think I could save a cent above the necessary expenditures. The attitude of the Board makes me feel they dont trust me, or that my case has not been fairly put to them, or that they are piqued at the Presy's action in opening up this field, and there never was a more hopeful opening. I cannot think that you, dear Bro, of all men failed to put it strong, or I dont know you! I cant think the same either of the Mission Com. of Presy.

Now, mind Bro, I realize the value of the sure $1000; but I protest that they ought not to limit me to that. Nor do I say I wont work for it. I know your love and helping hand to the Brethren - I know your promised hope of Mrs. D. being brought to me. But if she is brought to me - and she ought to be in July - then after buying a stove - some little furniture - getting my goods here &c, I'll have

about $30 or $40 a month to live
on for first quarter, Supposing me to have $250 intact by July 15th. The Board has
no right to force me into debt — or to
keep us apart, and my sending Mrs.
W. to Pruna was the most economi-
cal thing I could do. I am now
ready for her, but she would have
been a burden before. I could not
have come here with her. Does the
~~Presy~~ Bd. know that I am in advance
of all the rest of the Colorado brethren?
Do they know (what I believe is true)
that the Canon City + Golden City - Col-
Springs pastors have from $1200. to $1500.
a year — and they are on or near by the
R.R.s and I away off at least
~~$~~ 140 or 150 or 250 miles from the
depots of goods and groceries — and
extortion stares a man over every
counter in the San Luis Valley.[2]

At Mo. Valley I sent my Com-
mission back to the Bd, on its first
reception. I have written [illegible]

nor ability to do it from here. They have got me! I'm cornered! I cant get away, if I would. And I have never entered a field more to my missionary impulses than this.

So I propose this. Let you or the Bd. see that "Frank" is paid for — my wife is brought here and my freight ~~are~~ laid down here — and let the Com. for $1000 stand with the privilege of ~~the~~ church raising it to $1200; then they shall have all the rest, and under God I hope to make that a good round sum. Or let me have these three things and let the Com. be $1300 for first 6 months — and 6 mos $1100, which is more fair. Now is my poverty! Now is the time when I need money. I shall have to borrow money to [illegible]

Des Moines. I've barely $5. left - owe a week's board due - and $2. tomorrow for washing. So that when wife comes 2 months hence I shall have but $150 for furnishing house, getting freight here - and living 3 months!! I cannot do it! I will not! I can't starve. The alternative unless you reach me your hand is My family north till winter - if then, and I miserably, my usefulness impaired &c. I care more for a full proof of my ministry than for aught else - but a comfortable living is the necessary condition thereof.

Now, dear Bro, I've said my say. You I feel sympathize with, possibly, everything I have said. I mean no offence to anyone. You see my need, I have it before you frankly.

- I hope this may reach you before you get to the Assembly - that you may show it to Rev. Hawley - and make it the basis of action with the Board. Let them cut out the limiting clause I have quoted on the first page. Please do you send to my horse - wife - and freight - and I am sure the Bd. will never regret it. I hope this will be forwarded to you, if it gets to Denver after you are gone to Assembly - that you will answer immediately - and pardon me, if I have said aught amiss. I meant not such.

Yours ever gratefully
Alex. M. Darley

P.S. I enclose $1.50 due on Pres. (R.M.) from 3 Del Norte subscribers - namely Messrs Bailey - Pool - & J. McDonald
Please mark them paid.
I am better. Pain about gone.

Yours A.M.D.

Funeral of Robert Mead. Ruling Elder in
Black Hawk Church

Central City. Colo.
May 7. 1875

Dear Bro. Jackson

I have just returned from the services at the B.H. church. Bro. Carson took the management of the service. There were 10 in the choir, who had prepared appropriate hymns and music, which was very appreciative. Bro. Schultz sat in the pulpit and made the prayer & spoke five minutes.

I read appropriate selections from the Scriptures, and Bro. Carson and I occupied perhaps 10 minutes each, in an

address to the audience - Mr.
Carson referred to the fact that
whatever else he may have left
incomplete, he had not neglected
the great end of life. I spoke
especially with reference to the
lessons taught us. "Be ye therefore
ready also &c." There were
present 110 including some children -
Every thing was done in
a most becoming manner -
Mr. Beebe had general managment.
A large number joined the procession
& marched to the depot - I never
saw so natural a corpse. He seemed
asleep. Hastily Yours in t
H. B. Gage.

Ans.

O.K.

Fairplay. May 10. 75

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Your card rec'd. It is necessary to organize a ch. at Alma soon, in order to establish a Sab. School, wh. is to be desired. Then a Rev. Mr. Roby on an adjoining circuit is to occupy this also. & Presiding Elder will be here on the 30th. What they might do at Alma then, on ascertaining our intention, I can not tell. So I will organize on the 23rd or during a week day if preferable. Will you greatly oblige me by giving me your order of procedure in organizing a church. I have a Presb. Manual but I don't think its practical. Please give me therefore that may be desirable.

Alma is very dull yet because the smelting works there have not started up. Don't know how much they will be able to give toward a church. but it seems as if one must be built.

It does seem as if some one might be found who would build a $500. church there. I shall try some who have aided us, & try the board of Erection. Bear it in mind while East.

We are now residing in a woodshed, waiting for McLaughlin to fit up the front of the house wh. belongs to him. we shall have as pleasant quarters then as most any one here. Mrs. F. has ~~st~~ started her pen for a story. Mrs. Finks joins me in kind remembrances to yourself & family. Your Bro. in X D. S. Finks.

Central City, Colorado.
May 10, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

The church of Black Hawk is at present in a non-organized condition, Bro. Carson seeing this thought it best to act accordingly. Consequently after sermon last evening I informed the people, without asking them to vote on it, that Mr. Carson would supply Idaho one third of the time. The leading members of the church and congregation acquiesce in this. I gave them a doz. good reasons for this arrangement, and they was raised no objection. It was agreed between Mr. Carem and the com. on dist. that this arrangement be definite for six months only. They were not in a condition to make out a formal application to the Board this week. Such being the condition of the ch. cannot the com. on H.M. make an application to the Board in their behalf, for a commission for Mr. Carem to the two churches, Black Hawk and Idaho, to the former 2/3, to the latter 1/3, of his time. The commission to run for six months only.

We had a very sweet communion service yesterday. There were no additions, but a very tender com-munion -

I expect to be at Lemoore this week.

Yours Truly
H. B. Gage.

P.S.

Neither Mr. Carson nor any member of the com. stated how much the application to the Board should be for.

You know how much, or about how much they will need on the two fields -

1875 Trinidad Col May 11

Reverend Mr Jackson Dear Sir Those minesters arived as stated in your card it was the first sabath of the month and that day the Me South yous ouer Hall but Mr Curtis preacht it was a storme day and nite thare was but few out we felt vere sorre for him as he told some of the bretherin he would liked to stop here he is a verre plesant man but not vere brieliant Minister tho one of our Editers says that the peaple never gets tired of him Mr. Donels preacht in Me Church in the evning we did not hear him hope God will bless them in thare new field the people here are getting hungry for agood preacher the Me North man is about plude or would be if we pad ine thing of a good preacher some of his heares say if we get agood man thay will worship with us Secure as good aman as can be got for this place you will find a Nine dollar order inclosd if that is not Sufficient let me know and I will rase the ballunce and forward soon May God bless you

Yours truley
W S Phillips

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Received at

To Dear Mr Jackson,

I think you ought in order to free this Parsonage business of Embarrassment to Stay while at Cleveland to have the Board of Ch Erection pay the Deficit on Contract we have raised here about 500 Dollars & hold a lot that we will try & turn into Cash at 400 - The present Debt on Everything Exclusive of Collateral & Cash in hand is about 12 or 1300 Dollars I do not think the deficit when we have made a final Settlement will exceed $350, or 400, Dollars. the Church has had $200 repairs $100 furniture $347,00 organ & a $2000 house added to it

but I dont want a mortgage
included in all these (improvements)
here in our present disorganized
Condition I think the Bd of Ch
E should own that parsonage
I presume the Trustees would be
glad to turn it over to the Bd
as they as Individuals are pretty
thoroughly disgusted with the whole
affair. of the $2000 – Mr Reed
was to raise. 1500. has been paid
in He hopes to send me a balance
of $138. a balance on a note I
have become personally responsible
for this simply to save me if He
does this it will be all that we Expect
we purchased good articles Expecting
him to Stay here now we are stuck
I have personally in Connection
with Mr Converse borrowed money
from Bank to pay Cash for organ
expecting to make it up by Subscription
& Concerts a number of non Churchmen
& women have manifested an
interest in the Church owned here

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To

aided this Scheme now they are
So badly disgusted I doubt whether
100 Dollars will be raised by the
Choir — whether this thing is
purely honorable & just Mr.
Reed is Satisfied with his way
of thinking but he has no
one to agree with him & Certainly
It will injure us & the next man
that Starts must overcome all
this prejudice before a [illegible] churchman
will support him morally or financially
If this meets your approval write
me & I will forward you a Strict
Itemized Summary of receipts &
Expenditures with a Drawn Balance
for the Church & Board to decide
on — I am Sorely tried & thought
to be indifferent to Mr Reeds

personal obligations He has 2 mos
salary due here a thing which
is only Voluntary on part of
people I told him I would go
around & deliver Envelopes to
parties with a request that they
be brought next Sunday with
a Donation a few minutes ago Reed
Came in & when ~~[illegible]~~ I told
this He said He did not intend to
preach. He had left me under
impression He would on Monday
& because I did not start right
out & make his salary Collection
He made this an Excuse for not
preaching now people think this
is very thin — I Cannot do much
more of this begging & preserve
any sort of Dignity for myself or
our Church either —

Yours A Snyder

Fort Collins
May 15th 1875

Dear Bro Jackson

I think that it would be advisable for me to leave Ft Collins when my year expires, July 1st. I can see no inducements to stay here, but every thing seems to point in the opposite direction. Since I came home from Presby I learned that some parties are endeavouring though without success, so far as I can learn to prevent even the members attending church.

We had thought of trying California, as most people here seem to think that, that climate would be beneficial to Mrs P. If we should go there we would go the overland rout, and camp out, this of course would take considerable time, but would be best for us all. Bro Robinson writes me that they have a good many vacancies, and mentions Kearny junction and Gibbon, as a promising field.

We have been in the mountains for a few days and Mrs P. seems to have rallied more than in three weeks before. The mountain air seems to have a tendency to allay her cough.

If you should succeed in finding a

man to take this field, if he requires a house to live in, and drops me a note to that effect as soon as possible I will try and secure the house I am now living in for him. It is one of the most Comfortable houses in Collins. Rent 10$ per month.

With regard to suggestions concerning the field I scarcely know what to say, and as I expect to be in Denver before I leave, I perhaps had better leave that part off till then.

Do you think Nebraska would be preferable to California?

I

Fraternally yours
Joseph Patterson

Cheyenne Wy 5/16 75

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dr Sir

I mailed you a hastily written note a few days ago. Since which time the Board of Trustees have met and taken the necessary steps to save the Church property. I however in their behalf Repeat my suggestion that the Board of Church Erection take up the mortgage of $500 on which they can carry at a much less rate of interest than we can ~~viz~~ 2%. per month. The property here are found to rent to preserve it from trespass. We will add to it a full equipment of blinds to save

is Constitutional weak and If a preacher can do no more than fold his hands and weep over bald facts & be satisfied with their recital to me we may as well stay East — Yours A. C. Snyder

Its window and I will fence it entirely with the Church which when completed will leave about the following statement whole amount of Mr Reeds Subscription as turned in to me, as Treasurer.

	$1499.00
Cash raised here	625.00
	2124
Sale of Lot	350.00
	2474.00
Total Cost Parsonage ~~& church fence~~	$2100.00
Organ	347.00
Repairs Church	200.00
Furniture Church	111.00
	2758.00
add Cost of the Fence which we must build or lose money	200.00
	2958.00

you have a Balance of 464.00 or 500 in round figures as I have only Estimated on fence you see that our showing for Cheyenne is not

Very far below Mr Rudds, for which He takes so much Credit, and also that the Church property here has been increased nearly $3000 & that in view of this we are justifiable in feeling very sick over the whims of a juvenile preacher, who has thus put us before a critical public in this queer light. The feeling of the Board is that we have already done too much to allow it to be lost or Eaten up by a mortgage at 2 per cent a month & that if you can find us a man not a very young one Either, that They will raise him 500.00 support for the first year, this pending it is ~~[illegible]~~ released off paying this interest of 10 Dollars a month, I am informed Mr Reid Charges me with being a party to his being Driven away. This it is almost Idle to mention in the first place I care not whether such may be his report to you or not If He can make a good Case to the Board of Mn He is Doing more than He has or Ever Can to a single individual directly or indirectly interested in the Church here, I have Defended him to the public because I was ashamed of his weakness I have talked very plainly to him in a manner I have never to another, If my service has not been in the interest of the Church & pastor in his judgment I

Cant say I am sorry for I dont think him a competent judge You know that in differ

[illegible]

is Constitutional law and If a man
can do no more than fold his hands,
weep over bad facts & be thankful
that until the [illegible] may as well
dwell than East — Yours in [illegible]

Denver - Col - May 18th
Tuesday Monday - 1875

Rev. Dr. Jackson —

My Dear Sir & Brother:

It has seemed unto me good - to write you of affairs here - I saw your wife yesterday - All well - She sends you the papers - I suppose - the reply of the 15th St. Presbt ch - to the 17th St. and St. Pauls - is thought by some to have been dictated - if not written by Dr. Lord - his course about this matter fills us with pain and astonishment - that a man of his years and experience can give any countenance to such a movement I cannot understand! I can see how an ambitious novice might do it - but for a man so venerable in years & his honors - to encourage a move - which must result in

Strife - bitterness - & about certain death - to one or more of us - Ah this looks far more Satanic than Christian ~ Brother - will this be allowed to go on? Is there no authority in the Presbyterian Church to check such cruel & wicked encroachments of the stronger upon the weaker? After all the concessions already made to that church - will she be allowed to perpetrate this last crowning act of bad faith and selfishness? I cannot believe it ~ It seems to me - that if there ever was occasion to exercise Eccl authority - it is in case of this character ~ Every interest of the denomination in this city & region is at stake in this issue ~ This presumptuous step seems to ignore every thing and every body - her self - and the divine teaching that the "Strong ought to bear the burdens of the weak" - is deliberately trampled under

First — In discussing this subject — it has been said — that there is no direct authority — & no precedent — which would justify the Presbytery in enjoining the 15th St. Ch — This seems very strange to me — when — as history — shows — so many Churches have been slaughtered in just this way — In this view of things — Could not some "Deliverance" be secured by you & Judge Blackburn & brother Steward — at this very meeting of the General Assembly? — Such an Official declaration would do much good — I think — in this instance — & prepare the way for vigorous and decisive action when Presbytery shall be called together — And then too — if they should persist in their mad course — will they be allowed to withdraw & take their Church property with them? I trust not! — And another — If Dr. Lord shall Continue to countenance & lead on this bad movement — will it be deemed a right thing - or will he be allowed to go on - without rebuke & censure in such carelessness? I don't believe it - Yet further - the signs now indicate that there will be mutiny in their own camp - already have I heard of two of that church who have declared - that "not" a dime will they give for a church on the corner of 18th & Champa St - & it is my certainty - if this thing goes on - that more than one will pray as did David - "O Lord, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness" -

But no more now - Let me hear from you - write me - if I can serve you in any way - with kind regards to Brothers Blackburn & Stewart - I remain -

Very truly
Yours Bro in C—
T. E. Bliss

Denver - Colorado
May 24th 1875.

Rev. Dr. Jackson -
Dear Brother -

As yet - we have received no reply - to our last appeal to the 15th St Presbt Church. They are pushing their subscription list - I hear, as best they can - with a view of building as early as possible. Mr. Crane who declined to fulfil his promise of a subscription to my church, St Pauls, on the plea that he had done so much for his Rose Korn Mission Sunday School - heads their list I understand with a subscription of $3000.00 -

Such conduct - of course - elevates him very much - as a man of principle & of character!!! They do not think that we can help ourselves - They do not think or believe that Presbytery has either the power or will have the disposition to prevent them - One of their Elders - told me defiantly that we might appeal to Presbytery if we wished - but if he had his way - he would go there - let come what might!

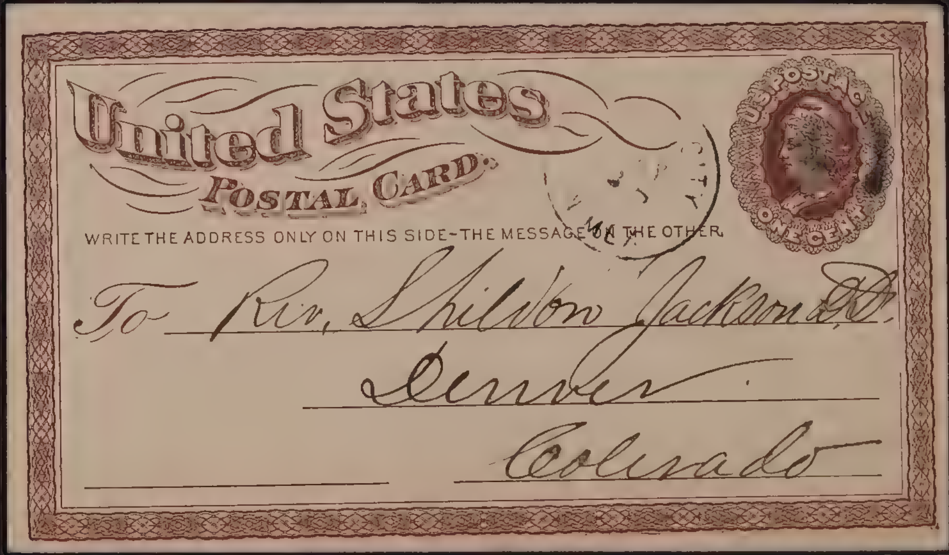
This is the disposition thus far shown & Dr. Lord - with all his pious talk - encourages them in their course. It becomes more & more manifest that it means war & death to both ~~the other Churches~~ - regardless of all the interest of our Body in this City & region - to allure them - Reference has been made to a Case in Brooklyn N.Y. - where the Presbytery was called in, to prevent Dr. Duryea's church from locating so near to another - and the Presbytery declined to act in the

of Mind that it had no precedent
or authority for such actions, Do
you know about this? Was it before
the Reunion — when they were separate
& one Church was "Old School"
& the other "New School" — It seems
to me the "height of the ridiculous" — that
Presbytery has so much power to "Regulate
Ministers" & yet cannot or will not
put a stop to such a piece of
intrigue and unscrupulous selfish-
-ness as this. — which will inevitably
work such disaster & ruin!!! —
I hope you will get thoroughly posted
in this matter — & that in some way
our good brother Hawley may be led
to take a firm & strong stand against
this wicked business both before his
own people & before the Presbytery — If
a shepherd will not guard his
flock ~~from~~ to the utmost from such
a "wolfish attack" as this — I dont know

what he can be thinking about -
I cannot conceive of a case where
a shepherd's care can be more needed
than in this instance - If I looked upon
the pastoral work - simply from the stand-
point of a "hireling" - then I should very
naturally "flee - when I saw the wolf
coming" - but I don't so understand
it & never did - I do not wish to be
too prominent in this matter & very much
prefer that the 17th St Ch - should lead -
- but they may be fully assured that I will
stand by them "to the bitter end" - if
need be -

Write me Brother - if
you have time before your
return -

With kind regards to
Dr Stuart & Judge Blackburn
I remain - Very truly
Your Bro in C
T. E. Bliss



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To Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Denver
Colorado

Silver City. Colorado May 25/75

Dear Bro.

Arrived here safely Sat. week. Would have written you sooner had you not been absent to Gen. Assembly.— Will write more at length soon as I can get time. Am looking around. getting acquainted &c. I sent Memorial from Santa Fe, as requested.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and the girls.

R.Ky. Mt. Presbyterian here & distributed.—

Glad to hear from you any time.—

Your bro. W W Curtis

Georgetown 24 May-

dear Bro.

Suppose you are at work by this time with Assem. business-

I see no probability of my remaining in Geo. town- I wish you would do me the favor of speaking to the Sec'ys and if need be setting me right with the Board- I don't know wh. may be their impression concerning our ch. difficulty- I know I stood pretty well with the Secys when I left before –

I begin to think favorably of visiting Trinidad Bro. R. will probably return to Pueblo I understand – I shall continue at Geo. town till 1st July –

Speak a good word for me to the Board or Secys rather (I think you can with a clear conscience – I don't know wh. may have been communicated to them –

Bro. John L. Gage

Longmont, Colorado
May 27th 1875

Dear Bro. Jackson;

The work in my field still goes forward. Last Sabbath we had a communion season at Longmont & we had three additions to the church. The Sabbath before, we reorganized the church at Nederland, making an elder of Bro. Breath. There were five new additions to the church. The Lord was with us & we had a very precious communion season. The hearts of God's people were cheered & refreshed. The prospect of that church is now very hopeful.

Have now been in the field, nine months & there have been gathered into the church in all my field twenty six members.

The Lord has blessed & prospered. Blessed be his holy name.

Now what about the buggy? The season has arrived when we are very much in need of it. As yet we have not received the first dollar. Do you think we can depend upon it? With it, I am sure, we could do much additional service for the Master. If it ever comes, we will endeavor to use it, as all things else, for the glory of God.

By the way, are you conscious that things are in very bad shape in Boulder City? Am sorry for Bro. Anderson. But evidently he has not managed wisely. But please do not tell him that I say so. He is a good Brother beloved, & my whole heart's desire is that he should prosper, but he never can there. His opportunity for doing so is lost.

Oh that God would make us all more wise, more prudent, more & more an instrumental power for his glory!

Mrs. Titsworth not very well. Rest of us are.

Our communion at Caribou in two weeks from next Sabbath. Remember to pray for us.

Fraternally &c

W. P. Titsworth

Congratulations to the Brethren who may know me. Tell the Secretaries of the progress of the good work of the Lord.

Del Norte Colo. May 27 '75

Dear Bro. Jackson

I wrote you several weeks ago, protesting against the wrong the Board had cruelly done me in limiting my salary to $1000. I yet can conceive of no just reason on their part for such conduct. I grow more indignant the more I think of it. I wrote you and marked my letter "in haste" that in case you did not receive it before your departure, it would be forwarded to you by Mrs. Jackson. I suppose your not writing is due to your trip and business at the Gen'l Assembly. I hope to hear from you by return mail, for-

all possible. I want to enter
the Hts. by June 8th, if possible.
I have no money though, and
if I do not get enough, I shall
not go. And if I do not get off
in June - then not likely till
in August - or before you come.
Without funds, I can do nothing
and when my quarterage comes
due it will be spent almost
immediately for debt daily being
incurred - and for rent - and a
very few household expenses.
When I think of the absolute
poverty to which I am and shall
be reduced by the Board's absurd
action - to call it by no worse
name, I can hardly forbear
writing them an eye opener such
as never came from a Missionary
pen - and end the Missionary.
I have on the basis of their interest

ing conduct the lovely prospect
of about $200 of debt in the next
3 months, and that after struggling
free from it at the end of 3½ arduous
years! So I can only look
to your kind sympathy and enlightened interest for help.

How has the call for the pony succeeded? Has any Aid Society
yet offered its aid to bring Mrs.
Walley out here? She will leave
Penna for here by July 1st. Can
the money be ready then?

Can my freight be sent onwards?
I need it by July 4th.

Tell me plainly what you think
and what you have done. I have
only 7¢ left. I had to borrow money for my last visit to Saguache,
and yet left there in debt. I shall
have to do ditto tomorrow - if the
Lord does not help by next mail.

My boots are hardly fit to be seen. If I had not been in tight places before - I should despair. But I trust the Lord that this embarrassment is only temporary - but I do protest against my being compelled to go into debt.

I have added 5 more to the Church; we hold communion June 6th, when we expect more. We feel sure of securing the town hall to preach in; Larson is building a house to rent me - to be done by July 4th. Have good audiences - outlook good. I enclose $1.50 - Alice's, Hank's and Kunie's Subs to R.M.S. Got the June No's today. Thanks for notice of our Ch. again. A. believer makes good point. Pictures interesting. Rickards talks of leaving the Ministry. Ill health. Regards to enquiring brethren

Yours ever gratefully
Alex. M. Dailey

Washington Terr

San Juan Id. ~~W.T.~~

May 28th 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

I have been absent to meeting of Presbytery, travelling abt. 750, - going, and coming - hence the delay, in answering yr. very kind, encouraging and much appreciated letter. with the liberal sum inclosed. really - my dear Sir - you are too kind. In a week, I will send anr. letter. I thank you sincerely, for the interest you have taken, in our cause here. It wd. be such a great impetus to our work - our dear struggling cause - were we to receive a little aid towds. the church erection, I will not rest, till I have up two churches, at least, one on San Jn. and one on an adjacent island. I have encouraged the people to look for a little bell, for San Juan, they are delighted.

In my absence at Psby, I spent 5. days with the late Dr. Allen's Family, of Olympia - Was informed by them ~~that~~ "Dr. Sheldon Jackson", ws. well known to them. You, were their old Pastor &c - I ws. delighted, with the information, They also told me, that when you promised anything, you alws. fulfilled. And Miss Allen, remarked, that you cd. raise any sum (for churches) tht. you had a mind to.

Faithy Yours.

T. J. Weekes